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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: INDUCTION OF BLOOD VESSEL FORMATION
THROUGH ADMINISTRATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES
ENCODING SPHINGOSINE KINASES

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of March 7, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. Included is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. Accordingly this response is timely made.

However, if it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.